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THE meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and its affiliated national scientific societies, to be held in Chicago during the convocation week that begins on Monday next, will be an event of consequence for the history of science in America. It will be by far larger and more important than any previous gathering of scientific men west of the Atlantic seaboard. Since the establishment of convocation week and the affiliation of the scientific societies, there have been three large meetings, those of Washington five years ago, of Philadelphia three years ago and of New York a year ago. At each of these meetings the attendance exceeded 1,500, and the proceedings represented a considerable part of the scientific work accomplished during the year. In the Christmas holidays of 1901—the year before the first of the convocation-week meetings—the American Society of Naturalists met at Chicago, and this meeting was the largest in its history. It was surprising as well as gratifying to note the large number of active scientific workers from Illinois and the neighboring states, as well as the number willing to make the trip from the Atlantic states and even from the Pacific seaboard.

It is now nearly forty years since the American Association last met in Chicago.

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